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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7279 NOTE PREPARED: Apr 10, 2013 BILL NUMBER: HB 1137 BILL AMENDED: Apr 9, 2013

SUBJECT: IURC Review of Extraterritorial Water Rates.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Frizzell BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Merritt

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

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<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: The bill requires that petitions for review by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) of extraterritorial water rates must be signed by each individual seeking review or by an attorney representing the individuals. It provides that the IURC may extend the deadline for approving or disapproving a petition for up to 60 days for good cause upon agreement of all parties to the proceeding. (Current law provides that a petition is dismissed if the IURC fails to act by the deadline.)

The bill provides that if a city adopts an ordinance before January 1, 2013, to remove the city's municipally owned electric utility from the IURC's jurisdiction for certain purposes, the removal of the city's electric utility from the IURC's jurisdiction is effective for all purposes and is legalized and validated, notwithstanding that the city adopted an ordinance for the removal instead of submitting the question of removal to registered voters of the municipality, as specified by the Indiana Code.

Effective Date: Upon Passage; July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

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State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

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